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(C) In response to reftel demarche, MOFA United Nations Policy Division Deputy Director Yoshiaki Makino told Poloff on March 23 that, in principle, Japan supports the handover of peacekeeping operations in Darfur from the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) to the United Nations (UN), but will not take a definitive stance until "closely evaluating" two factors. First, Makino said his government would evaluate the UN Secretariat's "contingency plan" for the handover once a resolution on the plan is submitted in April. Second, the Japanese Government will be closely monitoring the peace talks in Abuja. While Makino stressed that progress within the peace talks is "not a precondition" for re-hatting, he explained that a security arrangement amongst all the conflicting parties is essential to a successful UN peacekeeping operation.

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